

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Office of Global Issues

FROM : Executive Assistant to the DDCI

Jim,

Dick Kerr offered your name up, suggesting that you or one of your people could give a general briefing on the flow of narcotics money, etc. I understand that while these people are not cleared at the present time, Justice is in the process of getting them clearances. Obviously the briefings will be geared to whatever clearances they have at the time. John wants to make sure that any information provided does not in any way shed any light on how this information is collected.

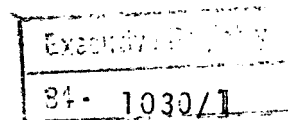


Date 1 March 1984

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The Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

Washington D.C. 20505



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Mr. John D. Harmon, Jr.
Executive Director and Chief Counsel
President's Commission on Organized Crime
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Mr. Harmon:

I hope that you will understand that it would be inappropriate for CIA to provide a representative to a Commission looking into law enforcement matters. By law, the CIA is confined to collecting and analyzing foreign intelligence.

We would, however, be glad to provide whatever briefings that we can that might be helpful regarding your interests in the international flow of funds. [redacted] from our Directorate of Intelligence will get in touch with Mr. Gonzalez to make the appropriate arrangements.

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We wish you well in this important endeavor.

/S/ John N. McMahon

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February 22, 1984

Mr. John N. McMahon
Deputy Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, DC 20505

Dear Mr. McMahon:

By executive order in late July of 1983, the President established the President's Commission on Organized Crime. The Commission was established to make a full and complete national and region-by-region analysis of organized crime; to define the nature of traditional organized crime as well as emerging organized crime groups, the sources and amounts of organized crime's income, and the uses to which organized crime puts its income; to develop in-depth information on the participants in organized crime networks; and to evaluate Federal laws pertinent to the effort to combat organized crime. Also, by March 31, 1986, the Commission is required to advise the President and the Attorney General with respect to its findings and actions which can be undertaken to improve law enforcement efforts directed against organized crime, and make recommendations concerning appropriate administrative and legislative improvements and improvements in the administration of justice.

As you can see, the mandate of the Commission is not limited to an analysis of the various factions of La Cosa Nostra, but includes also emerging groups such as motorcycle gangs and ethnically oriented criminal groups as well. Drawing upon the shared view of those in law enforcement that public exposure of criminal networks hampers their effectiveness in various ways, the Commission will hold public hearings around the country - all as part of the region-by-region analysis sought by the President. These hearings should include, in part, the presentation of evidence gathered in the course of criminal investigations, but not otherwise made public through criminal trials or otherwise.

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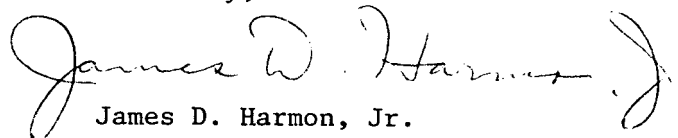
Therefore, we solicit your ideas and suggestions to assist us in fulfilling the mandate from the President. In particular, we seek specific and precise ways in which law enforcement could deal better with organized criminal groups. Also, we value your advice on topics which you think the Commission might explore in public hearings, understanding that we expect to have subpoena power before long.

On March 14, 1984, the Commission will hold a hearing in New York regarding international money laundering schemes and the use of off-shore financial institutions. We request that your agency provide the services of Mr. Andrew Sheren and Mr. Sid Zubludoff to assist us in preparing for this hearing.

If you wish to designate from your agency, a representative to the President's Commission on Organized Crime, please forward the name and address, position and telephone number to the Chief Investigator, Manuel J. Gonzalez, who may be reached at (202) 633-5589. From the viewpoint of the Commission this representative would serve as an invaluable contact point as we prepare to undertake an analysis of organized crime. Later, you may expect to be furnished with a roster of all of these representatives from this country and around the world.

We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,


James D. Harmon, Jr.